

## Birthdays

- 1 Maren Subbert
- 8 Deb Vanness
- 11 Jerry Meyer
- 12 Sandra Lingard
- 13 Noel Hansen
- 17 Marlene Lampe Tessa Haller
- 18 Gene Miller
- 19 Joyce Hauser Jessica Kurth
- 21 Marlyn Tripp
- 25 Mitch Vanness
- 26 Bruce Harris
- 27 Gary Claypool Bill Holmstrom Christy

Eisentrager

- 29 Mary Sukup Marshall Moats Barb Ristau
- 30 Jan Rodemeyer
- 31 Kathy Jones

Anniversary

Blessings to



## Ushers

Ryan Harvey, Chair Benjamin Harvey Philip Harvey

## Greeters

Ron & Judy Hankom Doug & Jolene McWilliams

## Acolytes

6 – Colin Harr

13 - Slade Pigman

20 – Henry Subbert

27 – Evan Waechter

# Anniversaries

2 – Greg & Bradi Moore (25) 6 – Larry & Deb Behn Dr. James & Pam Koenen 13 – Casey & Kaeli Waechter 18 – Ryan & Katherine Harr 29 – Jim & Cheryl Barrick



If you are unable to make Sunday morning worship and wish to receive small group or individual communion, please call the church office. This is being offered in place of the monthly Special Needs service.

Special Needs Communion

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Council Meeting: Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15PM Voters Meeting: Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> after church.



Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM

Devotion/Bible Study: Karen McVicker

> Hostess: Marlene Lampe

All ladies are welcome. Please join us!

#### Revisit the Reformation

More than 500 years ago, the Protestant Reformation brought the church's focus back to God's free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses — the "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences" — to the church door in a small city called Wittenberg, Germany. This event ignited the Protestant Reformation, and thus the Lutheran church officially commemorates this important anniversary on Oct. 31.

The Reformation was, first and foremost, all about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was then, and it still is now. The task of reformation never ends. Every person, in every generation, needs to hear the Good News of their Savior from sin and eternal death.

Our LCMS website has resources highlighting the history, theology and continued effects of the Reformation today. Re-familiarize yourself with Martin Luther and the Reformation as a whole by going to <a href="https://resources.lcms.org/lutheran-reformation-resources/">https://resources/</a>. (taken from the LCMS website)



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PS: Enjoy the Reformation word search puzzle at the end of the Newsletter.

"Word Search Maker-," The Word Finder, thewordfinder, com. 13 Sep. 2024, https://www.thewordfinder.com/word-search-maker/?msclkid=4f8023931aa51e03e756457751b038b0

# Remember our shut-ins with your prayers, cards, and visits...

- \*Country View Nursing Facility: Jennie Dellinger, Melba Muhlenbruch, Tillie Nelsen
- \*Franklin General Assisted Living: Merlin Behn, Dixie Schmitt,
- \*Rehabilitation Center of Hampton: Daisy Bentrott
- \*Hubbard Care Center: Mildred Pingel
- \*At Home: Jerry Meyer
- \*Other members at home who may not be able to come to church.



#### Carnival Highlights!

Everyone who attended the Fall into your Faith Carnival had a great time playing all the games. Kiddos and Adults alike . Thank you to our Evangelism committee for hosting this fun day! See extra pictures under September Snapshots and Stephanie has lots more photos on the church office computer if you'd like to look !





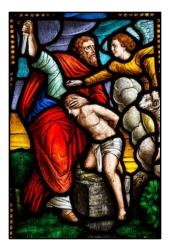




#### From Vicar Stefanec...

Dear Saints of Trinity,

As we continue discussing how Old Testament individuals prefigure Christ, I would like to consider Isaac. Isaac was the son of Abraham. When Abraham and Sarah were old and childless, God promised them a son. From this offspring, God promised that Abraham would be a father to a multitude of nations, and his name would be Isaac. Although Abraham laughs when this promise is given a second time in Genesis 17, God is true to his word. Sarah gives birth to Isaac, from whom the nations will be blessed.



Yet, God eventually commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac upon one of the mountains of Moriah (Genesis 22). God says, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love...and offer him there as a burnt offering," (22:2). How can this be? How can God make Abraham a father of many nations if he commands him to

sacrifice his son? Yet, Abraham still obeys. Abraham goes to the place God commands him and has Isaac carry his own wood up the mountain. There, Abraham builds an altar to sacrifice Isaac and binds him. However, when his hand is lifted against Isaac, the Angel of the Lord tells Abraham to stop, for God realizes that Abraham has not withheld his only son. Abraham then sees a ram caught in a thicket, which Abraham sacrifices in the place of his son, for there the Lord did provide.

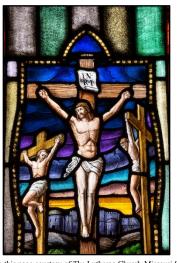
However, Jesus is true offspring of Abraham who was sacrificed, and he is the sacrifice that God provided. Abraham was commanded to sacrifice his only son whom he loved because the Father would one day sacrifice his only beloved Son in whom he was well pleased. Abraham was commanded to sacrifice Isaac on a mountain because Christ would be sacrificed on Golgotha. He was bound because Christ would be bound before Pilate. He carried his own wood because Christ would carry his own cross. He was placed upon an altar because Christ would be nailed to his. Lastly, Isaac was spared

because in the death of Christ the wrath against all sin—including yours—is satisfied.

We realize in the story of Isaac that if he was sacrificed, God would not have been able to make Abraham a father of nations. However, through the sacrifice of Christ who is the true Son of the Father, Abraham at last becomes the father of many nations. St. Paul tells us that all who have faith are the true children of Abraham. This includes you! If you are the seed of Abraham, you belong to the true people of God. Your true citizenship belongs there.

Although all around us we see nations rising and falling, we need not be concerned. Even if our own beloved country should decline and cease to exist, we need not despair. We await a greater land, and our citizenship is greater than that of any earthly kingdom, for we have been bought and blessed by the sacrifice of the Son of the Father. Although all else on earth may crumble and fade, the promise given to the seed of Abraham will never be removed: We are a holy people and a holy nation bought by the blood of Christ, who on the last day will inherit the Earth.

For Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have made us your people through the Sacrifice of your Son. Please grant that we may patiently await his appearing to gather us to himself as the offspring of Abraham, so that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



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## September Snapshots





Esther Circle meeting in a Sunday School room while the electricity was out!



Beautiful double rainbow over church!

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